

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/634,084

Examiner

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 8/4/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John K. Park on September 21, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

--1. (Amended) A picture holding system comprising:

- a) a transparent plate, wherein at least one plate magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of the transparent plate; and
  - b) a base comprising a support surface that accepts the transparent plate and supports a picture between the transparent plate and the support surface, wherein the support surface has a recess [an edge] located near a [the] perimeter of the support surface [and recessed into the rearward of the base], the recess having an edge, wherein at least one surface magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of the support surface; and
- wherein a portion of the transparent plate overhangs the recess in the support surface, and the transparent plate is removably attached to the support surface by magnetic force between the plate magnet and the corresponding surface magnet, and wherein the transparent plate may be pulled apart by pressing the portion of

the transparent plate that overhangs [over] the recess [edge] and pivoting the transparent plate over the edge of the recess [support surface].--

--5. (Amended) The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein the transparent plate and the support surface are substantially rectangular and the recess [edge] is located at [about] one of the corners of the support surface.--

--7. (Amended) The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein the transparent plate and the support surface are substantially triangular and the recess [edge] is located at [about] one of the corners of the support surface.--

--8. (Amended) The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein the shape of the transparent plate and the support surface are circular and the recess [edge] is located on the periphery of the support surface.--

--11. (Amended) A picture holding system comprising:

- a) a transparent plate, wherein at least one ferromagnetic body is fixed to a perimetric position of transparent plate; and
- b) a base comprising a support surface that accepts the transparent plate and supports a picture between the transparent plate and the support surface, wherein the support surface has a recess [an edge] located near a [the] perimeter of the support surface [and recessed into the rearward of the base], the recess having an edge, wherein at least one surface magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of the support surface; and

wherein a portion of the transparent plate overhangs the recess in the support surface, and the transparent plate is attached to the support surface by magnetic

force between the ferromagnetic body and the corresponding surface magnet, and wherein the transparent plate may be pulled apart by pressing the portion of the transparent plate that overhangs [over] the recess [edge] and pivoting the transparent plate over the edge of the recess [support surface].--

--16. (Amended) A picture holding system comprising:

- a) a transparent plate, wherein at least one plate magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of transparent plate; and
- b) a base comprising a support surface that accepts the transparent plate and supports a picture between the transparent plate and the support surface, wherein the support surface has a recess [an edge] located near a [the] perimeter of the support surface [and recessed into the rearward of the base], the recess having an edge, wherein at least one ferromagnetic body is fixed to a perimetric position of the support surface; and

wherein a portion of the transparent plate overhangs the recess in the support surface, and the transparent plate is attached to the support surface by magnetic force between the plate magnet and the corresponding ferromagnetic body, and wherein the transparent plate may be pulled apart by pressing the portion of the transparent plate that overhangs [over] the recess [edge] and pivoting the transparent plate over the edge of the recess [support surface].—

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: There are several prior art references (e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 3,553,873) that disclose magnetic picture frames.

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However, none of the prior art references disclose or suggest a frame in which a transparent plate is mounted magnetically to a base that has a recess into which the plate can be pivoted to release the plate from the base.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary C Hoge whose telephone number is (703) 308-3422. The examiner can normally be reached on 5-4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (703) 308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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